

# **PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

## **Of the Suffolk County Legislature**

### **Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Public Information Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on December **13, 2005**.

#### **Members Present:**

Legislator Angie Carpenter • Chairperson

Legislator Daniel Losquadro

Legislator David Bishop

Legislator William Lindsay

Legislator Lynne Nowick

Legislator Eli Mystal

#### **Members Not Present:**

Legislator Michael Caracciolo

Legislator Peter O'Leary

#### **Also In Attendance:**

Mea Knapp • Counsel to the Legislature

Ian Barry • Assistant Counsel to the Legislature

Alexandra Sullivan • Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature

Doug Sutherland • Aide to Legislator Carpenter

Linda Bay • Aide to Presiding Officer Caracappa

Lisa Keys • Aide to Presiding Officer Caracappa

Jim Maggio • Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office

Ben Zwirn • Assistant County Executive

Brian Beedenbender • County Executive Assistant

Jacqueline Caputi • Assistant County Attorney

Alan Otto • Chief of Staff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Richard Dormer • Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department.  
Robert Moore • Chief of Department/Suffolk County Police Department  
Ted Nieves • Lieutenant•Chief of Department's Office/SCPD  
Stuart Cameron • Aviation Division/Suffolk County Police Department  
Tom Muratore • Vice•Present/Police Benevolent Association  
Vito Dagnello • President/Correction Officer's Association  
Kurt Caminske • 3rd Vice•President/SCOBA  
Mike Sharkey • President/Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association Brad Maier • Deputy  
Commissioner/Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services  
Richard Stockinger • Deputy Director/Suffolk County Fire Academy  
Warren Horst • Suffolk County Fire Marshall  
John Desmond • Director/Suffolk County Probation Department  
Hope Collazo • Director/Community Service Program•American Red Cross  
Debbie Eppel • Public Information Office  
Maria Perez•Lent • STOP DWI Coordinator  
Danny DelValle • Vice•President/Probation Officer's Association  
Kitty Merrill • The Independent Newspaper  
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney • Court Stenographer

***(\*The meeting was called to order at 11:37 A.M.\*)***

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay, I think we will begin, because we do have a quorum. All right,  
I would ask Legislator Lindsay to please lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

***Salutation***

Thank you. And good morning. I don't see the Police Commissioner; he did say he was coming this morning.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

He's here.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Oh, he is here, great. Good morning. Commissioner, whenever you're ready, if you could come forward. I would just like to recognize in the audience Legislator•Elect Wayne Horsely, thanks for being here this morning.

**LEGISLATOR•ELECT HORSLEY:**

My pleasure.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

I guess I'm on, right?

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Yes, you are. I appreciate you coming down, especially that it's our last meeting of the cycle, of the year and for me as a Legislator; this will be my last Public Safety Committee meeting, so I appreciate you being here.

***(\* Legislator Binder entered the meeting at 11:39 A.M. \*)***

I would just ask, if you would, and I know some members have some questions and/or comments, but if you could please speak to the issue of this holiday initiative in the downtowns.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. And I appreciate the opportunity to come down and speak to the committee at the last meeting before the end of the year, and I wish everybody a happy holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Happy Kwanza.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Happy Kwanza and whatever holiday you observe. And also a happy and healthy 2006 to everybody.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

And the same to you.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Thank you very much. And I will touch on the holiday patrols which we initiated, but I would like to, if I may, tell you where we are since the last time we met. And I think it's important that we go on the record with some information or updates on how the Police Department is performing. And I like to mention that we have a Suffolk County Police model and I'd like to make a statement on that.

As you know, daily we are confronted with an array of challenges, competing demands and ever changing community expectations that require our attention and response. This requires that we as a police service do all that we can to ensure that our police officers are properly trained, equipped and prepared to protect the community we serve. We follow our model of policing that reflects documented best practices and the public and private sectors, the military and the justice system. It is rooted in community oriented policing theory and addresses leadership as an agent with wide concept. Our model has as its foundation a set of core values that reflect the nature of our profession which is service, dignity, respect for others, honor, integrity, courage, loyalty and duty.

Our model requires that we delegate our day•to•day policing operations to the commanders at the precinct and bureau level, knowing that they have the training, experience and up•to•date information needed to respond immediately and effectively to community issues and concerns. This has worked well in Suffolk •• in the Suffolk County Police Department over the past 23 months. Crime is down over 15% in the last 23 months in Suffolk County. More cops have been redeployed from behind desks and are now on street patrol, in cars and walking foot posts in downtown areas, and I'll touch on that in a minute. We have better patrol coverage with less tax dollars. We are within our budget for this year, 2005, despite having lost almost a million dollars in our overtime funds from the year 2004. I commend all our commanders for a terrific job on managing the overtime.

Our relationship with communities we serve has become closer in the past 23 months. Morale is high in the department; I know this because I get around to talk to the police officers and

civilians in the precincts and bureaus on a scheduled regular basis.

I would like to mention some of the initiatives. In the Patrol Division we just completed a training program where over 800 cops and supervisors were trained by the Mental Health Department and private agencies in dealing with the mentally ill on the streets of Suffolk County. We have risk management training for all the commanders in the department and we think that this is a good business practice. We had ethics training during the past year for all the command staff, formal ethics training. We've initiated a labor management sit•down where we asked the four unions that the Police Department deals with to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues before they become grievances. I am very happy to say that the Suffolk Detective's Association, the SOA, the Superior Officers Association and AME have agreed to sit down with us on a regular basis. We have already met with the SOA and we've had some issues that we took care of right away.

The updates; holiday foot patrols. As of yesterday, 60 recruits from the Police Academy were deployed to the downtown areas and the major shopping areas till after the holidays. This is going to double the walk and ride and foot posts in the communities that we serve for this busy holiday season, and it will be a 400% increase over the past two years in precinct staffing levels. Three hundred posts will be covered, that's eight hour foot posts in the Police District; a tremendous adjunct.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Could you repeat that?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

There will be 300 extra foot posts in the police district. It's not just a matter of putting officers on the beat, it is also training for these officers. They're about a third way through their academy training and we think that this is a terrific adjunct to their training, by putting them on the streets somewhere through the academy training and now they can relate that to the academics when they go back into the police academy. It also gives them a taste of what police work is like, especially foot posts where you deal with the community face to face on a daily basis. There's no training, police academy training that can equate to meeting the public on the street.

Holiday DWI patrols. We initiated something new this year in that we reached out to the

precincts and asked them to give us their high producers, these are the people that make a lot of DWI arrests during the year, and asked them to volunteer for special detail for the holiday season. They commenced their holiday patrol a couple of weeks ago, eight officers under the supervision of a Sergeant. And this, by the way, is an adjunct to the •• what's in place in the DWI unit in the Highway Patrol. And so far in the two weeks, or 14 nights, they worked •• they arrested 56 DWI's, they gave out 157 summonses; 111 of the 157 were moving violations. Tremendous •• they're doing a tremendous job, they go from one precinct to another based on what the Sergeant decides that particular night.

Unlicensed contractor initiative. The year•to•date, and I think that this is impressive, too, where we had people •• we had people that were not complying with the licensing laws in Suffolk County, business law, and therefore are not complying with insurance, workman's comp and all the other laws that are impacted by not being licensed. Year•to•date we've done 1,473 checks of contractors, 291 violations are being written. My understanding from Consumer Affairs is that the licensing has increased tremendously in that bureau, now contractors are coming in and becoming licensed which requires that they be insured, which I think is a big plus for the people of Suffolk County and the people that work for them.

The false alarm non•response initiative. We have 70 businesses on our non•response list. Year •to•date •• now, these 70 businesses, year•to•date we've reduced false alarms by 11,000, a 26% reduction in addresses with seven or more alarms, more false alarms in a three month period.

Speed initiative. We assigned a special detail to Sunrise Highway and the Expressway to curtail the speeding. We, the commanders •• when I say we, I mean the commanders reached out and assigned a COPE officer per tour to assist us the Highway Patrol on Route 27 and 495. Stats, which again shows that there's a lot of speeding up there, 1,009 movers, including 875 speeders, and this was for one month, there was one DWI arrest and 10 other arrests for other crimes, which is what happens when you make contact with the public. A terrific initiative, again, we wanted to send a message out to the public that, "Slow down, because we're killing, we're killing ourselves in Suffolk County," as we all know.

We've increased the handicapped parking enforcement, especially at the shopping malls, during this holiday season. The recruits that went out yesterday assigned to a seasoned officer, the seasoned officer will have handicapped parking summonses and they're going to be enforcing it

very diligently over the holiday season. Again, we think that this is a good thing and especially during the holiday period.

We have an operation, we call it Operation Scrooge, and this is the Precinct Crime Sections, COPE in each precinct have been assigned, along with our Property Recovery Unit from yesterday, and this •• tomorrow, Wednesday, they're going to go out to the flea markets and the malls, the stalls in the middle of the malls and the Christmas tree vendors, they're going to get a visit, to ensure that sales tax is being collected with purchases. We have found through experience that many of these businesses which are outside the main business sectors do not collect sales tax, do not comply with the tax law. We have put them on notice before we take any enforcement action by handouts and letters.

We •• since we last met, we promoted much needed supervisors in the Police Department, Sergeants and Lieutenants in particular. They were much needed, we need supervisors to make sure the patrol operation is functioning properly. That was done since I saw you last. If you've seen any of the officers on the street, most of them now have their name tags, I think I mentioned that the last time. And it sounds like a very minor initiative, but if you've noticed, the school crossing guards now have a big stop sign at intersections or the school crossing post that they hold up when they're crossing children. This was something that we initiated in 2005 and we think that this is a good thing.

If I may, one more thing on youth violence and gangs. I just attended the Call to Action Gang Presentation or seminar at Hofstra University in Nassau County, and I had to give a presentation on what Suffolk County was doing about gangs and I'll just mention some of the highlights. As you know, the County Executive and the District Attorney, Tom Spota, have developed a program, a specific program, along with the Police Department, specifically targeting criminal activity involving gangs. We've created task forces throughout the year and these are designated or directed at specific communities. With the assistance of the DA's Office and the Probation Department, Criminal Anti•Crime/Anti•Gang Task Forces were deployed to address either the needs of a specific community and to address the challenges posed by a specific gang.

For example, Operation Safe Streets was initiated to address challenges posed by MS•13, which is the most dangerous and fastest growing gang in the United States and also in this region, which resulted in the arrest of 15 confirmed gang members. A task force targeted hamlets within the 1st Precinct resulting in the arrest of 110 persons, including 30 confirmed gang



members. A task force targeted hamlets within the 3rd Precinct resulting in the arrest of 223 persons including 59 confirmed gang members. Additionally, a Town of Brookhaven Anti-Crime Enforcement Team has been initiated and has addressed the criminal activity crossing the three precincts in Brookhaven, that's the 5th, 6th and 7th. These initiatives have contributed to a general decline in crime rates throughout the County. I'll give you an example; felony assault is down almost 6%, burglary is down almost our almost 14%, and larceny is down about 18%.

We also recognize that just arresting gang members does not address the problem of gangs. And with that in mind, we have initiated in Suffolk County, along with the District Attorney's Office and with the support of the County Executive, to initiate an outreach or a partnership with schools in Suffolk County, to address the gang problem in the schools and the disorder in the schools. We •• I'm trying to remember. On October 28th at the Suffolk County Police Department, approximately 150 school administrators from throughout Suffolk County, that's the east end and the west end, attended a summit alongside members of the Police Department staff of supervisors, middle and upper managers. The primary presenters were teams of school and police professionals whose professional endeavors led them to a successful anti-gang partnership. We wanted to utilize the Longwood School model which had been very successful and we're now going to introduce that model into at-risk schools. We had the Assistant Principal from Longwood at the conference who gave a presentation on how they combatted violence and gang initiatives in that school in partnership with the COPE officer or the police.

We initiated a School Resource Officer Program and these officers go into the schools on a regular basis while they're working, they are assigned specific schools. They reach out to the principals, guidance, security, the teachers, they give presentations in the school, they have a presence in the school when the kids are at break or when they're loading on the buses when they leave because we found out that that's a critical time, when these kids are getting on the buses we wanted to make sure that there was order and discipline.

In the 2006 Operating Budget, you may be aware that the County Executive has put in that budget \$50,000 of seed money and this is to initiate a pilot program in seven at-risk schools to combat gang activity. This seed money will be utilized for after school activity between that 3 PM and 7 PM time period, and we're going to initiate this process through the PAL unit in the Police Department and it's going to be a marshal arts program, and we believe that this will entice kids who are on the edge who may be thinking about joining a gang or looking at the



gangs as an outlet for whatever may look at marshal arts as another way of channeling their energies and their emotions. We're going to see how this works, we'll watch it for the year, if it works out then we'll, again, address it for the coming year.

The Chief just mentioned that another initiative that we have going is a Customer Survey Initiative. In the police service, the feedback that we get are usually from complaints from people, letters, and occasionally we get letters of commendation, a thank you letter. But we don't survey our customers like a business does, and we felt that it was important that we don't do this. So we've reached out to Stony Brook University to their business school and asked them to do customer surveys, and they're working on that right now. We haven't really come up with the model yet, we're still working on it, but we're going to be targeting crime victims, people who have had contact with the police for any reason. We may even survey people who have not had any contact with the police; how do you feel about your police service? And we think that this, again, will drive the police service if we know what our customers want, just like any other business, and I think it will take away the taint of doing it in-house where there might be some bias involved or we may be challenged with the bias.

As you know, this coming year we're going to collect traffic stop stats, and this is •• a lot of people will relate to this as a racial profiling initiative where when people are stopped for whatever reason for traffic, it's going to be recorded. We have a pilot program that's going to be initiated in Highway Patrol, we're going to install cameras in the police cars, that's going to be common. We expect that to be completed in a couple of years, two or three years down the road, it takes a while, but every patrol car will have cameras recording the stops. We're going to mechanically record the stops; again, we think this is the right thing to do in this day and age. We've given this presentation on the traffic data collection to the Human Rights Commission, they have partnered with us in making sure we comply with the requirements as they see them from a human rights perspective.

And I thank you for giving me the time. I'm •• and I tried to be shorter than the last time.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

I'm not quite sure about that, but I appreciate the effort.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Well, I think it's important that you know where the police service is going.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

It's very important, it is. And to that I have a few questions, listening to you speak about all the various initiatives. When we have these special task forces for gangs, you know, business compliance, sales tax enforcement, speeding, DWI enforcement, the holiday initiative and so forth, what happens with the police officers that were performing routine patrol functions in the various precincts? When they leave to go do these other special initiatives, what happens to the operation that should have been taking place in the precincts?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Yeah, there's no diminution of patrol service. We have extra cops on the street, as you know. So we have sector car coverages maintained as before and commanders ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

So, where are you getting them from, then; are you using COPE officers?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

No, the high DWI producers came from regular sector car operators.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Right. So when they go now to do this enforcement, who fills those sector cars?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

We have other officers that fill in, so the sector cars are not down if that's the question.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

But we don't have officers that are just sitting there doing nothing.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

No.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

What function ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

If I may, if I comment on that. There's nobody in this department sitting around doing nothing anymore.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Exactly. Exactly. So how do you say that you take them from regular patrol functions and have them do these other special initiatives, which I applaud •• I mean, I think it's wonderful and we need to do that •• but I for one, and that was part of the reasoning behind putting the resolution in to create a second class of a hundred police officers because I think we have these needs out there. And rather than taking them from patrol that were doing a regular patrol function and trying to backfill that function, that patrol car, that sector car, you know, how can you say that ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

No, we have enough officers in the precincts to do it. As you know, there's less vacation and time off at this time of the year. So we have the officers in the precincts to continue, continue the operation. We have had no problems with, as you say, backfilling.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Uh•huh.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

It's a total of eight officers.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Well, in that, in the DWI.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

And we have 1,800, approximately, police officers. So I think taking eight officers from the precincts, one from each precinct and ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

That's seven.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

•• another officer as a backup, eight officers and a Sergeant, and again, we felt that it was important to do it for the holiday season. There is no impact either fiscally or from a coverage

point of view during that time period. And the commanders, the commanders have no problem with this, they see this as a good thing, keeping drunks off the highways this year will save patrol time, too, because it will be less accidents and less fatalities to handle.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay, I'm not quite sure I understand how you can take from the patrol and still fill it and say there's no diminution of service, but I have to take you for your word; if you say there is none, there is none.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

If I may, and I think I should clear this up. Today, in any precinct in Suffolk County you may have two or three extra officers in the precinct because of the scheduling, they're in extra cars, zone cars today. Sector coverage is number one priority and these officers are backup, if somebody calls in sick they fill in. We don't have to hire every day. So there's actually officers available because vacation •• this is not the vacation time of the year, you know, like the summer. So we have officers, we have extra officers on the streets in the precincts, and because of our civilianization and our redeployment of officers back to the street, we have many more officers on the street today than we ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

How many •• in that number of redeployed officers, how many have been redeployed to the streets through your civilianization to date, how many?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Well, you're going to ask me to •• and I don't like to guess. The Chief maybe has it is in his •• just a minute. The Chief is telling me if you want an accurate number, we'll have to get back to you on that. But I know that we do have a large number of officers back on the street over past ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Because the last ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Over 2004 and 2005. There are more officers on the street, I mean on the street, that means in

the sector car coverage right now than there was in January, 2004.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Uh•huh.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

And I should mention that we have 118 officers in the Police Academy who will graduate to the street in March of 2006, and they'll be added to patrol. So at that time, in 2006 we will have more officers in street patrol than in the past ten years.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay. Well, I don't want to monopolize this because I know that I have a number of Legislators that have questions. But you mentioned the crossing guards and those stop signs, I've seen them, and I just hope that the issue that we had discussed throughout the budget process with the additional coats for the crossing guards, has that •• is that moving forward in a timely fashion, have those coats been ordered for all of the crossing guards, not just the 50?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

You know, I'm not •• I don't have the answer to that. I know that somebody else takes care of that.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Oh, okay. Well, we'll find out.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

And I don't have the answer. I can get back to you on that ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

I'd appreciate that.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

If you could made a ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

I just would like to •• you know, with the weather getting colder and colder, I know last time

we had looked into it only 50 coats had been ordered and we wanted to make sure that there were going to be sufficient coats for all of the crossing guards which I think number more than 300.

Let us go •• I know Legislator Nowick and Legislator Losquadro both had questions. Legislator Nowick?

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Good morning, Commissioner.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Good morning.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

It's not necessarily a question I have, just a comment. You have spoken about just a few subjects that I think your initiatives are excellent, but I wanted to make maybe a suggestion.

When you talk about the DWI holiday patrol and the speeding patrol on Sunrise Highway, I thought that it might be a good idea, and I don't know how you would do this, but the intention when you have police officers out making DWI arrests or serving violations, summonses, I guess our intention and your intention and public safety's intention is not to catch someone, but I think the intention probably is to discourage people from driving while drinking or from speeding. And I •• as you did with the sales tax, you notified people about the sales tax, I read over the Thanksgiving holiday in the newspaper that Suffolk County PD would have extra patrols on; it was just an article, it was not a form of advertisement, but it was an article that Newsday did put out. And I found as a parent with young people in my house and seeing many young people, I cut it out and I put it on the refrigerator, because I think it's a good idea to make not only young people, but that's who I was directing it towards, but to make the public aware that the Suffolk County PD is out there and the intention is patrolling for DWI and for speeding.

Is there a way that your department, through your •• you have a public information press release, can make that so aware that the public reads that in newspapers, reads it over and over and says •• in other words, just to educate everybody. So therefore, what you're trying to

do would be accomplished. I believe people would read that and say, "Hey, stay out of the cars, don't drink and drive, the PD is out there." So maybe that would be something we could just really, really, besides putting the patrol out there, let the public know, we are going to be out there in full force.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Yeah, no, you're correct. And we do issue press releases when we're doing these initiatives and, you know, sometimes the media picks it up and it sort of gets lost in the shuffle at holiday time; well, here we go again with the usual announcement.

Now, I just should mention that we have TrafficStat presentations by commanders in the Police Department, it's like ComStat, they have to come in now on a monthly basis to talk about their traffic or crash reduction initiatives. One of the things we talked about was public service announcements on the radio that young people listen to, and we're reaching out to them so it fits right in with your suggestion.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

That would be excellent, we have local ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

You know, WALK and these kind of things where people listen to them. And we think that ••

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Uh•huh, local colleges maybe, high schools, not just the young people. The PTA so the parents go back to the kids and say, "Hey, you better watch it." And as we all know, it is not just young people, but I'm trying to think of different ways and I'm just throwing it at you, I think it's very, very important, scare them out of it, whatever it is.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

If I may, I was out with the DWI people two weeks ago when they first started, that first week, and the people they were arresting were not youngsters. You know, it's amazing ••

**LEG. NOWICK:**

I was just going to say, I have noticed that with the young people, they are •• they constantly say, "Drop me off, we'll take a cab, we'll take a cab." I think probably you're absolutely right, so



it's not just educating the young people. But anyway, you can get that word, I believe that that probably could do what we really want to accomplish.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Thank you.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Thank you. Commissioner, thank you for the update. You have a lot of good initiatives going on.

I heard you mention one that I had discussed with you last time which was the special detail of using COPE officers for Highway Patrol; I was glad to hear you mention that today. Since we had that discussion, I just wanted to ask you if it was regular practice because I happened to see a COPE unit doing a Highway Patrol function using a COPE vehicle, and it was unfortunately one of the low visibility vehicles, it didn't have the light rack. Our Highway Patrol vehicles are specially equipped with the flip•up bars to add visibility and even with that, we've seen number of vehicles get into unfortunately pretty severe accidents with people not seeing them stopped on the side of the road. I did not know if enough vehicles were available for Highway Patrol to accommodate this detail, but when I saw that low visibility vehicle, even without a roof rack, it gave me a little bit of concern about the officers that are on Highway Patrol because it does require some specialized equipment and some specialized training, as I'm sure you know.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Yeah. No, I sat down with the Chief of Patrol and his staff and we discussed that initiative and we're not going to do it again, and there were a number of reasons and that was one of them. So unless •• now, when I say that, if an emergency comes up and COPE has to go up there, you know, I don't want anybody saying, "You said they would never do that." But we're not going to be that doing that traffic initiative with COPE in the future, we didn't think it was that

productive for other reasons. So we decided with the Chief of Patrol and his staff, after the end of the initiative, that we wouldn't do it again. And that's the way we should do things in the business, look at it, did it work, were there any issues with this, was it worth it, what was the return on investment. Yeah, there was a return on investment with the summonses and the speeding, but it was a safety issue, that was one of them, and I agree with you.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Good, I'm glad that the analysis of sort of a pilot program, if you will, bore out some of the concerns that I had about it. That also, Legislator Carpenter touched on it a bit, about moving units to these other initiatives. And I have received several calls to my office from constituents and usually it's not the case, especially on the western end of my district about calls to the COPE answering machine going unanswered. And I think •• and I know it's not for lack of desire on the part of those individuals because they are very committed, I would just have to think that at this point they, you know, they're a bit over burdened, a bit stretched with some of these other initiatives that COPE is working on, but we can discuss that.

The only other question that I had was about the •• and I apologize, I had to take a phone call when you were speaking earlier about the academy initiative, using the young men and women in the academy to do some of these holiday patrols, especially foot posts. I know from my experience working in the insurance industry, I had to be a licensed, independent, New York State Insurance Adjustor and investigator and I know the law enforcement officers get a certificate as well; is that correct?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Yes, that's correct, from DCJS.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Right, so these individuals will not have that certificate. Will they be carrying side arms?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Yes, they're fully trained and they have survival tactic training, they'll be fully uniformed and they'll be accompanied by a seasoned officer.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

You preempted my question.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Okay. They're not out there by themselves.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

No, no, no, I didn't ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

By the way, this is done in other departments throughout the country, it's a training •• it's a big, major part of their training is to get a taste of the street, a taste of dealing with the public and then when you come back into the police academy you can maybe relate to what happened on the street over the two weeks to your academics, and we think that it makes for a better officer. Forty percent of our class right now, of the 118, 40% are NYPD officers; an amazing number. And many of the officers are military, so it's not like we're just putting somebody out to throw them to the wolves, so to speak. So we've made sure that they're adequately covered and that the County is covered, too.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Well, that was my •• you know me with the insurance, so I always like to double check that. Good. And I'm glad that my concerns about the COPE on highway have been addressed, so thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Thank you very much. Were there any other questions or comments?

Commissioner, I have one more question for you. When you were discussing the fact that you were sitting down with the various line organizations, AME and SOA, did you say the PBA? I don't remember hearing you say that.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

No because •• well, we reached out to them, they said they didn't want a sit•down; actually they didn't respond.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Oh, all right. So they didn't say they didn't want a sit•down, they just didn't respond.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Well, okay.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

All right.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

They didn't respond.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay, very good.

Okay, I thank you very much for coming down. I appreciate your ••

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I'm sorry.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

But before you leave, we have another question for you. But I would like to say that I've appreciated your willingness to respond and to come down to the committee whenever you've been requested and that's ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

•• you know, really been very much appreciated.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Well, thank you, I appreciate that.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

And this holiday initiative, I really think it's very important, whenever you can give anyone firsthand, real-life experience, it really has to help when they do go back to the academy, as long as all the other caveats are met and we're not, you know, jeopardizing public safety in any way, shape or form for the public and also almost more especially for the police officers.

Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I apologize, but with the last meeting of the year, it just wouldn't be right if I didn't ask you about this old 6th Precinct building.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

If I ••

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Let me just start by saying I spoke to Department of Public Works, I spoke to Deputy Commissioner LaValle, he told me that the interior work is almost done, the heat should be turned on hopefully •• turned back on hopefully today, a PO has been issued for the roof which is one of the last remaining, large items to be completed and Telecommunications work is going to commence when that •• because that's a sub-unit, they have to handle that. We're sort of looking at hopefully a tentative time frame now, he's telling me of potentially early next month. So I know you've been reluctant to discuss what unit or units might be going into there, but now that the build-out is complete, if you don't want to mention the unit, I would just ask you now do you at least have a unit in mind at this point that the time frame seems imminent?

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Well, we promised you a police presence in that building and you're going to get that. In fact, I knew you were going to ask this question so I got an update before I came down here. And it is moving forward, we're going to have a couple of officers in there with a wash-up area, phone, and if we need to use a conference room, we anticipate that Probation would probably work with us on that. We're going to keep the lifts, the bay, our •• I'm trying to think what unit ••

**CHIEF MOORE:**

Auto.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Auto squad will use that.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Very good.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

You know, but on a need•for basis, because they examine vehicles underneath and all that stuff. There will be a police presence there. We have to sit down with the Commander of the 6th Precinct and decide how we're going to do that.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Fantastic, I'm glad to hear so much progress has been made. So thank you for the update.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

And if I may, one more •• just mention that there are 60 coats on order right now.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay, so 60 ••

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

They're in the process right now.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Were those the original 50 or is this 60 in addition to the 50?

**CHIEF MOORE:**

No, this is ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Are all together.

**CHIEF MOORE:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Except we have 300 crossing guards.

**CHIEF MOORE:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

And the money is in the budget because we were assured of that and that you guys will get the rest of the coats ordered.

**CHIEF MOORE:**

Yes.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay. Thank you very much.

**COMMISSIONER DORMER:**

Yeah, we'll get moving on that.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Thank you. Thank you very much, appreciate it.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Commissioner, Chief, thank you. Merry Christmas.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Happy holidays.

Before we go to the agenda we have a card, Tom Muratore from the PBA.

**MR. MURATORE:**

Good afternoon.



**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Good afternoon.

**MR. MURATORE:**

Madam Chair, members of the Public Safety Committee, my name is Tom Muratore, I'm the 2nd Vice•President of the PBA. And I guess I'm here •• I hadn't intended to speak, but after listening to the Commissioner and to the questions that the committee raised, I think what we're seeing here is a series of, for lack of a better expression, smoke and mirrors. These 60 recruits that went into the street, they have •• I don't know if the Commissioner stated this, but they cannot make arrests, they cannot issue summonses. So what we have here, we have 60 children that are being babysat by 60 seasoned police officers.

Back a long time ago when I was a recruit, 1973, they had the same process where they would take recruits, put us out in gray uniforms and double us up in a police car •• kind of like a training session, which this is •• and we did nothing but tag along. Personally, I almost caused the death of another police officer because I wasn't fully trained. I had poor equipment, I got out of a police car, I'm a left•handed shooter, I get out of a police car on a gun call, I go for my gun and it's not in my holster, it's in the front seat of the car. So what you have here is you have 60 police officers on a daily basis that are possibly going to become in harm's way. Where these people are going are posts that are never covered anyway. So you asked the question about where are you getting them from. You know, what they're doing is they're taking like 306 and doubling them up, or a 513 or a 406, and then they say, "Okay, stop down the mall, make a walk•through and leave." Really what are we getting here? It's smoke and mirrors.

I mean, he's saying that, you know, we have plenty of police officers. I can tell you right now to the number, the exact number, the amount of PO's we have on this job and that's 1,817, that's the exact number we have right now. Come January 1st, realize there's going to be a tremendous amount of retirements, probably 50, 60. All right? So when the Commissioner says there's going to be more police in March than there have been in the last ten years, I will come back in March •• and you won't have to request me to be here, I will come back in March and if the Public Safety Committee allows me, I will tell you the number of police officers on the job now, on the job in March and on the job every March for the last ten years, and I can almost guarantee you it's not going to be at the highest in the last ten years. I mean, we need some support out here. I mean, we're being fed •• I want this to seem a Commissioner

•bashing, but what I want people to know and what Jeff wants people to know is that we want to tell you the truth.

The issue about not reaching out to the PBA or the PBA not responding; that is not true because I personally spoke to Commissioner Shannon and asked him what's going on. And he says to me, "Well, Jeff responded but Jeff didn't want to abide by the Commissioner's rules." Well, if you're going to have a meeting with me or my committee, I want to bring with me the number of people that I think I need to conduct a meeting in the proper way. I don't want to have to be running out of the room making phone calls. When the PBA goes to a meeting to make a deal, we can pull the trigger. When the County comes, they can never make a decision there. So he tells Jeff, "Yeah, you want to come, you can come with one other board member." Jeff said, "No, I may need two or three guys. What if I have a 4th Precinct issue and a 5th Precinct issue? Muratore can't answer for the 4th or the 5th. I need those people." He said, "Well, then that's not going to happen." So for him to say that we haven't responded, we don't do that, we respond to everything.

We tried to get them to respond, he won't even respond to attending our Christmas party. He won't respond to coming to our Silver Shield Award Night, the highest award that any Suffolk County Police Officer can receive, he chose not to show and he chose not to respond. He didn't come to our children's Christmas party that we do for the handicapped children. So there's a lot •• you know, there's a lot of dark waters here and people are throwing rocks at each other and we need to find a way to get everybody together. But you know, we don't hold the cards, we tell you the truth. You know, I can come here and say this because he can't •• he can't do anything to me. He can't transfer me from 2nd Vice to 1st Vice or to the street, but when a boss comes in here and the boss tells you we need more cops, then he gets transferred from the 1st Precinct to the 4th Precinct or he gets transferred out of ES to a different command. So you know, he can be vindictive to people like that, he can't do that to us. And I think that's what's really bothering him, that's why he doesn't really want to come to terms with us and deal with us. Because one thing we always do, we always tell the truth. No need for us to lie.

You know, we use that four letter word, fair, that's all we want. And for him to give you all these statistics and now we've got all these models and everything; just answer the questions.

What is it all about? I mean, he gave you a whole bunch of eltoro poo•poo here and what did we get out of it? What did we really get out of it? I mean, nothing.

They're taking people •• where is he getting these cops? From COPE, that's what's happening. Why doesn't the phone get answered in COPE, why do you think they don't call back? You try to do it a nice way, because they're not there, they're backfilling sector cars which he told you he would never do. Remember when he got •• the day he got sworn in here or came before you? "I will never, ever hurt COPE"; ask my trustees. Bring the Board of Trustees here from the PBA and ask them individually how we do things. These guys are going to tell you what you want to hear, we're going to tell you the truth. So if I can answer any questions.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Are there any questions? Tom, thank you very much for coming down. I'm sorry that the Police Commissioner had to leave because I think it's important ••

**MR. MURATORE:**

He didn't want to hear it.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

•• to hear everything. And when you said about the waters being a little murky, I would hope that someone would come with chlorine and clear them because I really believe that it is so important to communicate and to have that kind of dialogue.

**MR. MURATORE:**

It's his way or the highway, he's very dictorial and that's the way it's being run right now.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Thank you for coming up to speak, Tom. I have consistently voiced concerns, you've heard me over the last couple of years, about COPE units and I think you just heard me today raise them, as you put it, in a nice way, but about the utilization of our COPE units and patrol checks not being done. I have a number of concerns when it comes to the use of our COPE units. I truly

believe in the Community Oriented Policing model, and I know from the complaints I'm getting from my constituents that these individuals are being utilized elsewhere and I think it's unfortunate. So, I •• the concerns that I raised are the ones that I have and, you know, they're a matter of public record now. So I thank you and it's something we'll have to continue to address.

**MR. MURATORE:**

There's just so many •• you know, there's a lot of misquotes here. Vacation time; more cops are on vacation in the holiday season than probably in June or •• you know, like maybe September. I mean, there's another misnomer. They can't •• they have to hire guys on overtime for Christmas and New Year's week because cops are on vacation. I mean, there are not enough police officers out there. He made Detectives, he made Sergeants; where do those Detectives and Sergeants come from? Police officers. That 1,817 I gave you includes maybe •• maybe we have like 30 or 40 police officers that are in the Detective vein right now; in other words, they're being paid as police officers, but they are Detectives in six months, they will automatically become Detectives, so we'll be down that number also. I think he just made about 30 or 40 of those a while ago. So we will be •• we could get close to 1,700 PO's by March, not his numbers. So, I thank you for your time.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

You're welcome. Thank you very much. Ben Zwirn had requested an opportunity to address the committee; Ben?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. I mean, I just •• I wasn't planning on speaking today and I certainly don't have to defend the Police Commissioner and the Police Department, but when the representative from the PBA gets out here and insults the police class that's there, they have 60 children out on the streets protecting the public, you know, the union officials sit behind desks, they don't go out any longer and go out and protect the public as part of their contracts. But we have people who are getting on•the•job training under the supervision of police officers who have been duly licensed and gone through the academy.

The Police Commissioner indicated that about 40% of the entire class are New York City Police Officers, have already been trained and gone through the academy and are able to protect the

public. You know, in the COPE •• when Legislator Losquadro said the COPE people aren't answering the phones, they're out on the street protecting the public. I mean, you call 911 you get an operator, you need somebody, you need assistance in an emergency situation, they're there. I mean, if a COPE officer is not answering the phone because he's out on the street protecting the public, that's not necessarily in my opinion a bad thing. Okay?

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I have to interject a point.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Ben, if you could just suffer an interruption. Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I hate to interrupt, I'd rather just let you finish your thought but I have to inject a point. And the point is I didn't say they weren't answering the phone because routinely people leave messages on COPE answering machines, the point is those calls get returned and patrol checks get done, be they individual concerns about stop signs, speeding within the community, things of that nature. I didn't say •• you can try to put it however you want. I didn't say ••

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Well, that's how I understood it. If that's not what you said then I apologize, but that's ••

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

No, I said people weren't ••

**MR. ZWIRN:**

That's how I understood it, that they weren't answering the phone.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

I very specifically said people were not returning phone calls on the answering machine; if you misheard it, I apologize. But what I'm telling you is ••

**MR. ZWIRN:**

That's not what I heard.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

•• that's the way the process works. And unfortunately, I am getting calls to my office, people telling me, "I left three messages on the answering machine, nobody got back to me." Well, that never used to be the case, so that tells me something is different, something has changed. So you can say they're out on the street, but if they're filling a car that was already filled and now the COPE car isn't filled, well, somehow some service isn't getting performed.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

You're talking about the phone calls now, you're not talking about ••

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

These individuals ••

**MR. ZWIRN:**

I'm just saying •• we're not going to get anywhere with this. The Police Commissioner took the notes down ••

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

•• were used to getting a service through community oriented policing.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

•• to find out to get an answer for that.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Right. So but if you want to come here ••

**MR. ZWIRN:**

But I have to tell you, I sit here and listen ••

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Okay, one at a time, okay?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Just let me finish my thought, if I might.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Certainly.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

I mean, when you sit here and you listen to the PBA representative, you think that the County has been abandoned by the Police Department and public safety and that's not the case. And the Police Commissioner has indicated the initiatives that he's taken, he has always come here out of respect to the committee, he participated in the Public Safety Task Force and I sat there and I asked for the PBA's opinions on a lot of things and they didn't give them until the very end when they issued their own report at the end which we didn't discuss in the Public Safety Committee, which I thought was unfortunate. But I just think when you insult the academy class that's out there protecting the public and risking their lives for the people of this County, I mean, he called them children, I think that's just insulting and unacceptable. Thank you.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Thank you. To the issue of the phone calls, though, I just want to corroborate what Legislator Losquadro was saying. Because I know having been a Legislator for many, many years and there when COPE first came on the scene, that we made it a point to let the public know that the intent was to have the COPE officers out on the street, not answering phone calls, and that there would be an answering machine and that someone would get back to them, but generally they get back to them the next day. So now we're hearing, and I know it's happened, you know, in my precinct, too, where people are making calls, you know, one, two, three, you know, times plus and they're not getting a response back and then there is some concern there.

You know, people are trying to not call 911 so that they're not tying up 911 with a nuisance problem in a neighborhood, but sometimes those nuisance problems in a neighborhood can escalate to a 911 situation if they're left unattended. So in any event, we have no other cards, we're going to go to the agenda.

**Tabled resolutions**



***IR 1868•05 • Adopting Local Law No. 2005, a Local Law to protect Suffolk residents by permitting the seizures of vehicles engaged in unlawful speed contests or races (Cooper).*** We have a motion to table, second by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***IR 1929•05 • Creating a Suffolk County Stop DWI Deaths Task Force (Viloria•Fisher).***

**LEG. LINDSAY:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Motion to table, second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***IR 1944•05 • Authorizing the release of contingency funds for continuation of County policy utilizing Deputy Sheriffs for prisoner transportation and detention at Cohalan Court Complex (Option I)(County Executive).*** There are two resolutions on the issue. There was some litigation or some legal questionings going on, so we are making a motion to table by Legislator Bishop, second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***IR 1948•05 • Adopting Local Law No. 2005, a Local Law strengthening the procedures and remedies of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission (Mystal).*** That public hearing has been recessed so we will make a motion to table by Legislator Mystal, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***1954•05 • Authorizing the release of contingency funds for continuation of County policy utilizing Deputy Sheriffs/Correction Officers for prisoner transportation and detention at Cohalan Court Complex (Option II)(County Executive).*** Motion to table by Legislator Lindsay, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2006•05 • To establish a "Safe Communities Initiative" Task Force to study the***

***expanded use of security camera systems to deter crime and assist law enforcement efforts in high • crime areas (Cooper).***

**LEG. LINDSAY:**

Table it.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Motion to table by Legislator Lindsay, second by Legislator Bishop.

All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6 • 0 • 0 • 2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2013 • 05 • Adopting Local Law No. 2005, a Local Law to amend Article II of Chapter 270 of the Suffolk County Code to provide further protections under the "Crack House Law" (Cooper).*** I know there were some questions and concerns about the depth of that.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

So we have a motion to table by Legislator Bishop, second by Legislator Losquadro.

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

No.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

No? Second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed?

**LEG. LOSQUADRO:**

Abstain.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

***It is tabled, abstention for Legislator Losquadro. (VOTE: 5 • 0 • 1 • 2 Abstention: Legislator Losquadro • Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***IR 2026•05 • Establishing a policy to ensure adequate police protection Suffolk residents (Binder).*** Is there a motion?

**LEG. MYSTAL:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Motion to table by Legislator Mystal, second by Legislator Nowick.

All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2033 • Adopting Local Law No. 2005, a Local Law to prohibit Level III sex offenders from residing near schools, day care centers and playgrounds (Cooper).*** We have to table, the hearing has been recessed. Motion by myself, second by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? ***Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2059 • Adopting Local Law No. 2005, a Local Law establishing responsible standards and controls for alarm systems that require Police Department response (Cooper).*** Motion to table by Legislator Mystal, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2155•05 • Amending the 2005 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of a Medevac equipped helicopter (CP 3117.514)(Carpenter).*** I'm going to make a motion to table, second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***IR 2303•05 • Creating a task force to increase Minority Representation of the Suffolk County Police Force (Montano).***

**LEG. MYSTAL:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Motion to table by Legislator Mystal, second by Legislator Lindsay.

All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

**Introductory Resolutions**

***2350•05 • Accepting and appropriating a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Suffolk County Police Department to fund a Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Program with 83.1% support (County Executive).*** I will make that motion, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2361•05 • Amending the 2005 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the planning, design and engineering for the construction of the fire vehicle storage/pump house facility (CP 3415)(County Executive).*** Motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

***2373•05 • Accepting and appropriating 65% grant funds received from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services under the Crimes Against Revenue Grant (County Executive).*** Motion to approve by Legislator Losquadro, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? ***It is approved (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

**Sense Resolutions**

We have a Sense Resolution. ***Sense 85•2005 • Sense of the Legislature Resolution in support of humane treatment for all detainees in the war on terror (Cooper).***

**LEG. BISHOP:**

Motion.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Is there a motion?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Motion to table by Legislator Mystal, second by Legislator Nowick.

All those in favor? Opposed?

**LEG. BISHOP:**

Opposed.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

***Tabled (VOTE: 6•0•0•2 Not Present: Legislators O'Leary & Caracciolo).***

The meeting is adjourned. And I thank everyone on the committee for their diligence over the year as we've wrestled with some really tough public safety issues in this County and I wish everyone a wonderful and happy holiday.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Can I just say one thing?

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Yes.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

I think that it is timely right now to thank Legislator Carpenter for her years of service on the Public Safety Committee. I know from talking to members of the PBA and the SPA and all the A's and all the acronyms that you are very, very highly respected and that everybody appreciates your efforts and what you do to bring together the Legislature and the public safety forces. And so I want to thank you personally and behalf of everybody here.

**CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:**

Thank you. Thank you ver much. It truly has been an honor and a privilege, I thank you all.

***Applause***

***(\*The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 P.M. \*)***

***Legislator Angie Carpenter, chairperson***

***Public Safety & Public Information Committee***

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